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SPEAKERS, LEADERS—Speakers and leaders on the program of the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, Fla., in May include, top row, left to right, R. G. Lee, speaker, Pastors' Conference; Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., convention sermon; U. S. Sen. Robert S. Kerr, convention speaker; C. E. Matthews, Pastors' Conference speaker; second row, left to right, Perry F. Webb, Sr., convention speaker; Wallace Bassett, Pastors' Conference speaker; Howard E. Butt, Jr., youth rally speaker, and Mrs. George Martin, president, Woman's Missionary Union, — BAPTIST PRESS

Southern Baptists And The Voice Of God

By DR. J. W. STORER

(Editor's Note: Below in condensed form is the President's address as prepared for delivery at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami. Dr. Storer is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has served that church since 1931. He is the author of several religious books. Storer is a native of Burlington, Kansas, and was born there December 1, 1884.)

Let us obey no other. But that there will be other voices, some strident, some melodious, some scornful, and some as sweet as honey.

Nor will those voices be lifted alone from without our own household of faith, for within

ourselves we are in danger of dinging our own eardrums.

Since we last met in St. Louis, the world has not moved perceptibly nearer to unity and peace, nor have we as a nation acquired any incontestable title to Utopia.

With all the comforts brought about by gadgets, there still remains the devastation of sin and sorrow; sixty-five percent of our national income is earmarked for the military, our prisons are full; cities are terrorized by teen-age gangsters; termites eat at the heart of the national integrity and take shelter under the fifth amendment; race hatred rears its ugly head just as high as ever.

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All Mission Gifts Increased During Month Of April

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Gifts in designated offerings and through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program were about \$128,000 greater last month than in April, 1954.

According to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, total April receipts were \$1,581,041. This includes \$990,434 through the Cooperative Program and \$590,606 in designated gifts.

So far in 1955, income for

Baptist work through these two types of gifts has been \$8,644,

492. This is \$658,456 more than came in during a similar period in 1954 and \$1,365,000 more than during the first four months of 1953. Mississippi contributed \$77,225, of which \$53,791 was through the Cooperative Program and \$23,434 in designated offerings.

(These figures represent only that portion of Cooperative Program funds going to Southern Baptist Convention causes.)

State Assembly Program Launched

Convention Board Has Option On Coast Site Property Available Oct. 15

**The Taming
Of The Cross**
By DR. MONROE SWILLEY, JR.
Editor's Note: Below in condensed form are the highlights of the annual Convention sermon as prepared by Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. to be presented at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami. Dr. Swilley is a native of El Dorado, Arkansas. He is now pastor of the Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Georgia.)

"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel; and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power" (1 Corinthians 1:17 Revised Standard Version).

About one hundred years ago Heinrich Heine, the German intellectual, made a cynical observation concerning the role of the cross in the life of his

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SBC Church Property Increases In Value

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—"There will be no decrease in the amount of church building which may be expected during the year," W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, said recently. He predicted that more than \$145,000,000 will be spent by Southern Baptist churches during the year for church buildings.

Harrell said that judging from the number of churches requesting assistance in building programs and making requests of the department there is yet much building to be done. This is also indicated by the establishment of new churches, not only in the new territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, but also in the well-established parts of the Convention, mission churches being established, and the growth and expansion of all existing churches.

Mississippi Baptists took the initial step toward a long range state assembly program when the State Convention Board, meeting in special called session Thursday May 12 on the Mississippi Coast, voted to take an option on an assembly site located on the coast, it was announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, the Board's secretary-treasurer.

The option, when exercised, would give possession of the property to the Mississippi Baptist Convention October 15, and would be the first assembly site to be owned by the convention.

The Convention Board, composed of 75 men, one from each of the 75 Baptist associations in the state, met on the coast in order to view the property and consider the recommendation of its assembly committee, which was to take an option on the property under consideration.

Presiding over the meeting was Dr. W. C. Fields, Yazoo City, Board president. Members of the assembly committee are Rev. Roy Collum, Jr.; Liberty; Rev. Gordon Sansing, Jackson; Rev. John W. Green, Long Beach; Rev. T. E. Fant, Laurel, and J. Wesley Miller, Rolling Fork.

Three south Mississippi Baptist associations, Jackson, Pearl River and the Gulf Coast, have voted to make supplementary allocations toward the purchase

of the property.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1952 voted to look into the matter of an assembly program for Mississippi Baptists and passed the matter on to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for action.

Making the motion was Rev. Carmon Savell, Iuka, with Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Corinth, offering the second.

With possession of the property scheduled for October 15, plans are now to have the first assembly program there next summer. Facilities will be ready for occupancy at that time.

In announcing the first assembly program for next summer recognition was given to Camp Garaywa, owned and operated by the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The W.M.U. has in the past graciously allowed various denominational groups use the camp in spite of a full W. M. U. camping and assembly program.

In the future the W. M. U. will use Garaywa more extensively for its own programs there and the various assembly programs of the Convention will begin to use the facility on the coast.

The historic Board Meeting on Thursday began with a luncheon meeting at the First

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State Board Has Historic Meeting



Shown above is a photo of the historic special meeting of the Convention Board on Thursday of last week at the First Church of the Gulfport. The meeting was called for purpose of considering the purchase of an assembly site on the Gulf Coast. The above picture was taken during the lunch hour at the host church.

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Church in Gulfport, Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor.

After lunch the members "moved" out to the property under consideration for the formal meeting.

Those speaking on behalf of the proposal included Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, president of the State Convention, and others.

Although nothing definite was announced the general tenor of the meeting Thursday was that the coast site would be the first of perhaps several assembly facilities that would be acquired later in other parts of the state.

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It does little good to sing—even with unction and tears—"God Bless America," until America first agonizes "God be merciful to us, sinners." On the basis of figures released by the National Temperance League for the year ending May, 1955, 5,781,931,048 pounds of barley, rye, corn, oats and wheat, and 2,236,621 wine gallons of molasses, and 113,357,807 pounds of sugar and syrup go into the making of beer and distilled spirits in this country annually, and it's finished products make shambles of the highways, populate our slums and penal institutions, wreck our homes and blight the lives of little children and deliver votes to entrench the whiskey power in high places—how can God bless an America which will not hear His voice and repent of its evil way?

While by no means are we to ignore the advice, suggestions, or criticism from well meaning friends without the camp, some of whom are obsessed with their own omniscience and who have been valiantly accompanying themselves for many years on a harp of one string, it will be best to treat them as such, and not as guides.

But what shall we say about the divergent and often ill-tempered voices which come from within our own ranks? Some of these conflicting voices, happily, are not such through either lack of interest or of loyalty—it is rather that the divergency comes from the emphasis which each feels his viewpoint demands. And because each is honest, because each speaks from sincere conviction, and because each insists upon priority, the swift certainty of our voyage toward the promised land's possession is hindered, if not indeed at times imperiled.

There are those who, realizing the vast potentialities of our mission program, and our present inadequate financial acrément for the erection of new church buildings, would launch a credit approach to the problem.

Let the brethren be reminded, and it is hoped without

offense, by one of those many who in the thirties helped to take up the crumbled ruins of a denominational empire and went up and down the land seeking money with which to pay our debts, that over-extension of non-existent finances is easy—but it is also fraught with much disaster.

There are those, many of whom have a contagious inability to reason through things, who assert that we now live in a new world and that ours is a day of doing business on borrowed money. It is understandable that in these lush financial times it is almost inconceivable that it has not always been thus, and because the memory of those terrible days is dimmed for many who lived through them, and is only oft repeated tale for those who had no experience in them, it is an irritation to refer to them.

Now no way has yet been discovered, either in fiscal affairs or moral issues, to do away with pay day some day; the laws of financial gravity may be slow, but they are certain. And we will, if we are wise, so propose our financial program that the danger of those sad days of the thirties will not be repeated.

Another voice within our ranks is that which would place upon us a harness of uniformity to a standard wrought out by sectional interpretations. The Southern Baptist Convention has throughout its history, gone up the middle of the road—that road which we are persuaded our Savior walked. That road has always been guided on the Cross. We have met and we will always meet opposition to that position—we may as well get accustomed to it.

There must be an authority for us—but it is not the authority of either an ecclesiastical head, or of ecclesiastical clothing—we will neither a Pope nor a mitre.

It is self-evident that the authority for us must be in God, and not in our own individual consciousness.

The orders come from Christ, whose authority is supreme and are found in that revelation we call the Bible, the unique, inspired record of salvation; the highest peaks in its lofty range being His virgin birth, His cross and His resurrection.

And let us beware of any voice or voices which would bring upon us a Southern Baptist Inquisition, and turn our Convention, or our churches, into trial courts of judgment called by a Grand Inquisitor after the formula of Innocent the Fourth, and confirmed by succeeding Popes.

Some there are who regard it as a great virtue to swirl in space, unanchored to anything, not answerable to anyone, and with freedom to fly in all directions at one and the same time. They glory in a watered-down

denominationalism, and boast that they wear no man's collar, not even their own; they strike lusty blows at the citadel of sin with bags of wind, and have a really notable gift for the clamorous presentation of the obvious.

Now, while it is right and proper to weigh these and all other voices in the scales of sanity, and view their implications with the correct perspective, there is one voice to which we must give heed, and His command we must obey. That the voice of God speaks to individuals there is no doubt, and that He speaks to our Convention, a collection of individuals, is an equal certainty. As He spoke in the past, He speaks to us today.

Faced with our difficulties, let us have a new evaluation of Him who is no less efficient today than He was in the days of Moses, and remember that, thanks to grace, He is far more concerned with us than we are with Him.

If the chariots and horsemen of God are on our side, what is the use of fretting? Only, let us be sure! "Did we in our own strength abide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing!" It has never been devotion to God which has led us into distress—quite the contrary. Ours is the living God, and to be sure of this puts life under the ribs of death.

What, then does this living God demand of Southern Baptists?

Will it be considered trite to say on the authority of the Bible we are to witness first of all to spiritual verities? That is what He said in His great commission. Whatever we as a Convention may decide to suggest, whatever we as individuals and churches may decide to undertake, that must be the basis for our doing. Upon all charters, in all our activities, in all our lives must be seen, when held to the light, the cross mark of the Son of God.

What are those eternal verities? Though the answer's brief, they shall be intense. First, we must give to the world our continued witness to an immanent and Sovereign God.

He is described in Philippians 2:9-11: "Wherefore also, God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Second, God demands of Southern Baptists a continued and living witness to His redeeming power in Christ. Something had gone wrong with the world, Christ came to set it right. We do not progress

from social relations to individual relations, but from individual to social; the community will never be transformed until the individual is.

This is the type of thinking at which some moderns sneer as lacking in social consciousness, yet it is the type which founded hospitals, schools, missionary societies, and orphanages. For not only is Christ the Savior from something, He is the Savior to something.

Said Jesus to Nicodemus—he was the best of his class, and his class was the best of the classes—"Ye must be born again," which means that whether we like it or not, conversion is not only a fact but a necessity.

Third, Southern Baptists must witness by their lives to their sacrificial devotion to Christ. It is so easy for us to sing about the Cross—it seems so difficult for us to live it. We have tethered Christ among the lilies and garlanded the Cross with beauty.

This is the faith once for all committed unto Southern Baptists—and may it be gladly acknowledged, to all those who love Him and look for His appearing. That which we are to proclaim is the good news from God about the profoundest things of life relative to time and eternity.

This deals with causes. It is the glad news of redemption for a sin-cursed race, by the sacrifice of a loving Heavenly Father. It is the proclamation of justification for the guilty by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the transcendent solace found in the fact that He ever liveth to make intercession for us. It is to this, that we are called to set the trumpet to our lips.

Can it be that the Gospel trumpet note is but rarely heard amongst us?

Then shame upon us that such should be, for sweeter to the souls of men than ten thousand silver throats is the lifted clear and unmistakable cadence of His mighty words, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

This is no time to be small, and miss majesty, and we must not heralds of the King, be cabin'd, cribbed and confined, but out in the open for God.

May He keeps us from becoming televisionized with the jargon of the day, but may we become followers in the pathway beaten out for us by the feet of God, who says, "He shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

"From their sins" is the greatest word of enfranchisement this tortured world has ever heard. It is the last word! We need no more; not what we were is the controlling consideration, but we may be, thru grace of God.

Redemption is God's infinite mystery—angels look at it and wonder. Men saw Him go from a cross to a grave, from a grave

Pocahontas Revival Is Announced

Rev. Bill Slaymaker

Pocahontas Church in Hinds County announces its annual revival to be held May 29-June 5, with morning services at 10:00 A. M. and night services at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Bill Slaymaker, pastor of Union Hall Church, Brookhaven, will be the evangelist.

The Pocahontas pastor, Rev. Joe Galle, will direct the musical program, with Mrs. Thomas Whitfield and Miss Carrie Lynn Land as the pianists.

This will be the first revival observed since the church voted to have a full-time program beginning April 10, 1955, with increased attendance and offerings since that time.

to life—they saw Him break death's sullen doors, and crush them beneath His feet—they saw Him rise for our justification, and they listen whilst He makes intercession for them—this is what we are to tell all men everywhere!

Please God, we shall not tarry in our telling!

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Commencement

"We have crossed the bay; the ocean lies before us."

Many young men and women are graduating from college within the next few weeks. They have crossed the "bay" of training and preparation — that is, of formal school education. They will go on learning in the "ocean" of life. The school of experience has much yet to teach them.

They have spent years in study and work and planning. It now lies before them to put their plans and dreams into actuality. Those who have had Christian training at home, those who have been under the influence of Christian teachers and Christian fellow-students are those who more than likely will be the greatest assets to society.

Those who have worked hard, as well as played, in college will be the ones who will find it easier to make their dreams real. Of course, none of them will find life as rosy as perhaps they had thought it would be, for there will be many disappointments and heartaches. But the true, the honest, the straight forward person will find that life is full of joys. He will find happiness even in sorrow if he remains true to Christ and the way of Christianity.

As these young men and women "commence" a new life in the world of everyday living, may they find the beauty that is in God's world and may they find the satisfaction when they have crossed the "ocean", of saying, "I have finished my task and it is well-done."

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Messengers To Convention Should Report To Church

Most of the pastors and some of the messengers who attend the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Miami, Florida May 18-21 are sent by their churches with expenses paid. Whether they attend with expenses paid or otherwise, we believe that they should report back to their churches.

By their reports they can inspire the people who stayed home by repeating parts of the message heard, describing the main features, and perhaps showing photographs and slides of one of the greatest Baptist meetings of the year. Such a report could be made at Sunday School, prayer meeting, or Training Union.

The Baptist Record will carry a report of the Convention, but space is not available for a word-for-word report of everything that happens.

Reports by the messengers when they return will increase the interest of the other members, as well as prove the interest of the messengers.

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The Pastor's Vacation

According to the age-old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Your pastor has his time filled with study, preaching, visiting the sick, witnessing, attending various meetings. If he keeps "on the go"



all the time with never any rest, he really could not be expected to be at his best, do you think?

Give your pastor a vacation. Fulltime churches might give a month; half-time churches two weeks; and quarter-time churches one week. Pay his salary in advance and assure him that the church will carry on as usual in his absence.

After days at some quiet place, perhaps in the mountains, with plenty of time for rest and relaxation, for meditation, Bible study and prayer, he will come back with a renewed, zealous spirit, ready to "do big things" for God.

Most churches do, but to those that do not, notify your pastor NOW that a vacation for him is a part of the church program.

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Our Readers Write**PITY THE POOR EDITOR**

After writing the above title I am looking at the four words, willing to admit they must be changed. On second thought I am confident that religious editors are the last profession desiring anything which suggests pity.

This leads me to add a word at the beginning of the title, turning the meaning in reverse. Now I have five words, too many to please an editor, but I stand by them: "Don't Pity the Poor Editor."

Pity will not help to lighten his burdens nor make a better publication. He needs an understanding of his responsibilities and problems as he works against a dead line from week to week.

What to print in each issue is not the least of his troubles. With a constant stream of articles, sermons, pictures, and other material flowing to his desk in each arriving mail, he must choose which to use. Much that is good never finds a place in his columns because of lack of space. In each issue he could fill twice as many pages and wish for

more room. Unfortunately, with two or three notable exceptions, Southern Baptist editors often find it necessary to cut the standard twenty-four pages to sixteen and occasionally go to press with only eight pages. This is because of limited finances.

Rising cost of printing, paper, postage, and office help while the subscription price and advertising rates remain stationary, make economies necessary.

With all the room in the world he could not use some of the manuscripts. Those which deal in personalities are not considered of good taste. And he must be careful about controversial subjects. Other articles written in the kind of hard-to-read long hand, filled with misspelled words, and long rambling sentences, like this one, well, the editor does not have the time nor inclination to rewrite and make readable.

An article or news item worth printing is worth preparing in an acceptable manner. Type it, double space, on one side of standard typewriter paper, leaving a generous margin on each side and room at the top of the page. Do not fail to include your name. If you do not wish your name to be used, you may ask that it be withheld.

"Print this article just like I have it," demanded a pastor. One look at the manuscript and I agreed that the request was impossible. Among other things it is the business of an editor to edit. It is never pleasant to disappoint a contributor, but often it cannot be otherwise without sacrifice of quality or for some other good reason.

A well written article may be declined because the subject is not timely or has no interest of a general nature. So don't get mad with the editor who fails to appreciate your masterpiece. Offer it to another, and to another.

Twenty printing houses, one at a time, turned down Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe". "Peace of Mind" by Joshua Liebman was sent back by a dozen large book concerns before it was accepted, according to a published report. You may have read the book, "Man Does Not Stand Alone" by A. Cressy Mor-

ison. A condensation was used in the "Readers' Digest". Not many know that Dr. Morrison went from one office to another seeking a publisher. His persistence caused him to return a second time to Fleming H. Revell Company where a new editor accepted it. But remember you may be the one who is mistaken about the quality of your product, and not the editor.

Sharing space with the boards and institutions without being accused of showing favoritism is not an easy assignment. The good editor must also distinguish between legitimate news offered by denominational agencies, and strictly promotional material. Much of the latter should be classified as advertising and take the rate.

Usually three or four pages each week are reserved for the Executive Secretary and other departments in state headquarters. This is not always because of the editor's choice nor because the pages are used to best advantage. It is by agreement with the State Board and in consideration of necessary financial assistance. In most states these are pages which the editor has no part in preparing. Without question he accepts and publishes the material furnished. However, for lack of understanding the readers hold him responsible.

Another obligation of the editor is writing editorials. A few may be able to dash a column off in a moment like water flowing down a stream but this is not the rule, I assure you. More often it takes time, thought, and research, all of which adds up to hard work.

Accepting invitations from churches keep the editor in touch with the "grass roots" which is good for both him and the people. He has an expense account and is glad to represent the denomination in pulpits both large and small. There is another kind of invitation that comes from preachers away in revivals or on vacation, wanting a free supply. Riding a free horse is a littleness which should be beneath a minister of the Gospel. Under such circumstances the laborer is worthy of his hire, and this applies to all denominational workers.

In the busy life of an editor he can never come to the close of the day and write "thirty". There is always "more".

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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

Fussy Father

Question: My father is an invalid and he says that he is a Christian, but every time something doesn't go his way he gets mad and takes his spite out on one of the family. He gets terribly mad and says terrible things. I am afraid one of us will have a nervous breakdown.

Is there anything I could do to help him or stop him from doing this way? This is serious. It is so hard to be a Christian under such circumstances.

Answer: There is always a Christian approach to any problem. I can imagine how serious your problem is.

Treat your father as a patient. Do not cross him any oftener than you have to. Do not make him feel guilty. And encourage him to get out among people. Be firm and kind.

Many people as they get older are cranky and crabbed. They are angry. Besides the fact that age brings certain deprivations and frustrations, the arteries begin to harden and their rational controls are not so good. If we live long enough, most of us will get that way. It is hard to be an invalid. Put yourself in his place.

If your father has ever been a Christian, he still is. Our heavenly Father understands him and loves him.

Don't have a nervous breakdown. Respect yourself, even if you do feel hostile toward your father. Nervous breakdowns usually grow out of loss of self-esteem. God loves us. Let's love ourselves.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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The Taming . . .

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people. He said, "The day will come when it will pitifully collapse. The old stone gods will rise from the forgotten rubble and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes, and Thor will leap up and with his giant hammers start smashing the Gothic cathedrals."

This astute observer realized full well what the influence of German rationalism was doing to the heart of the Christian gospel. Adolph Hitler did rise, and with the hammer of Thor in his hands he endeavored to destroy the last vestige of Christian influence in his land and in the world. This could never have happened in a so-

called Christian nation without the taming of the cross. Throughout the Christian era the living cross has been able to thwart and defeat every sinister purpose which was set in motion by the malignant powers of evil.

The free world today is engaged in a continuing phase of that struggle. Whether the war is "hot" or "cold", the issues are still the same. Make no mistake about it, the forces of godless Communism are determined to exercise their dominion over all mankind. Already, eight hundred million people, occupying approximately one half of the land mass of the earth, live under the red flag.

Do Christians today have moral and spiritual strength that is equivalent to this godless force? It is easy to feel that what we do is without significance. In every battle for truth, justice, and freedom, what one person does can often determine the outcome.

The easy-going optimist is quick to point out the evidence of a spiritual renaissance in our land. Over ninety million Americans are now members of some church. The greatest movies, finest TV programs, and best-seller books deal with religious themes. The President of the United States gives a positive and courageous witness to his Christian faith. A group of congressmen meet each day in a prayer room in Washington. For this rise in the spiritual thermometer, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to God.

The long, hard look is somewhat sobering. Christian motivation in our hearts should produce a moral climate which is conducive to the development of strong, vigorous, and dynamic personalities. The figures about juvenile and adult delinquency, alcoholism, immorality, crimes of violence, robbery, corruption and graft in high and low places, and the cost of preparations for war are appalling and shattering. It is searching and revealing sometimes to ask, would there be any difference in the way I think and act if Jesus Christ had never lived on this earth? Concern becomes commitment only when we rediscover the original meaning of the cross.

Many years before the revolution in Russia, a village priest was greatly concerned about the preoccupation and indifference of his people. One night he climbed to the roof of his church and nailed a transverse beam across the diagonal section of the beautiful cross which adorned the steeple. The next Sunday the angry people demanded that the beam be removed. The man of God was adamant and said, "You have canceled the cross in your daily lives. When you restore the cross to its rightful place in your hearts, then I'll remove the beam from the steeple." Canceled crosses in the hearts of

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 15, 1955

Jackson, Highland	99	72	Center Terrace	312	145
Jackson, Broadmoor	467	208	Ruth	76	64
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	192	117	Mt. Zion, Lincoln	158	90
Jackson, Ridgecrest	325	123	Columbia, First	767	277
Jackson, Crestwood	722	463	Main School	701	234
Macedonia (Lincoln)	210	87	South Columbia		
Jackson, West	323	161	Mission	66	43
Jackson, Daniel			West Point, Calvary	295	162
Memorial	631	346	Aberdeen, First	423	112
Richland (Rankin)	195	92	Sallis	101	54
Pearl (Rankin)	180	109	Glenfield		
Briar Hill (Rankin)	96	71	(Union County)	119	83
Laurel, Wildwood	178	72	County Line (Greene)	47	21
Hattiesburg,			Pleasant Ridge		
38th Ave.	208	108	(Holmes)	79	64
Hattiesburg,			Marks, First	251	90
Main Street	1101	460	Friendship (Jackson)	121	89
Edwards	87	57	Skene	132	67
Stonewall	207	111	Vicksburg, First	489	207
Meridian, South Side	502	218	Darling	105	58
Picayune, First	652	133	Starkville, First	728	322
Greenwood, Calvary	506	212	Olive Branch	179	85
Purvis, First	281	87	New Prospect		
Mission	16		(Desoto)	103	104
Pocahontas	57		Red Banks (Marshall)	69	44
Byram (Hinds)	205	151	Gulfport,		
Jackson, Northside	564	174	Grace Memorial	267	63
Springfield (Scott)	134	60	Oxford, North	219	126
Clinton	559	356	New Albany, First	712	203
Jackson, Van Winkle	533	300	Main School	650	176
Jackson, Calvary	1424	481	North Side Mission	62	27
Main	1376	443	Seminary, Union Sr.	104	109
Mission	48	38	Pascagoula, First	845	244
Hattiesburg, First	630	234	Main School	728	201
Murphy Creek			McArthur Chapel	48	
(Winston)	129	118	Orange Grove		
Hattiesburg, Temple	584	169	Chapel	69	43
Union, First	308	130	Brownsville, Beulah	93	74
Pelahatchie	179	59	Pleasant Hill		
Petal-Harvey	430	139	(Lincoln)	119	82
Main	376		Jackson, Parkway	973	559
Harvey	31		Brookhaven,		
Richton Road	23		Pearlhaven	193	74
McComb, Locust St.	123	75	Long Beach, First	265	89
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	214	93	Yazoo City, First	636	226
Louisville, West End	86	64	Clarksdale, Oakhurst	518	137
Biloxi, East Howard	221	111	Clarksdale	475	183
Newton, First	454	208	Wheeler Grove		
Fellowship (Choctaw)	84	67	(Alcorn)	187	134
Calvary (Alcorn)	96	64	Morton (Scott)	252	120
Fulton, Trinity	99	63	Meridian, 41st Ave.	426	160
Friendship (Lincoln)	163	110	Laurel, Highland	254	113
Wayside (Yalobusha)	56		Ruleville	333	175
Kosciusko, First	815	252	May 8, 1955		
Main School	788		Cleveland, Immanuel	162	106
Maple Mission	27		Loxahoma	105	61
Calhoun City, First	352	147	Meridian, Oakland		
Hardy (Grenada)	106	73	Heights	285	123
Concord (Choctaw)	91	94	Spanish Fort	64	36
Longview (Oktibbeha)	96	79	Concord (Choctaw)	131	94
Grenada, First	752	174	Friendship (Jackson)	107	77
Spanish Fort	59	55	County Line		
Jackson, Southside	270	180	(Greene)	70	17
Pilgrim's Rest			Horn Lake	148	108
(Copiah)	76	65	—BR—		
Corinth, Tate St.	271	86	NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)		
Crystal Springs, First	655	213	—William A. Cox, Jr., of Jefferson, Marion County, Texas, has joined the staff of the Audio-Visual Aids Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as educational supervisor. In making this announcement, Earl Waldrup, department secretary, said that Cox will be responsible for planning and co-ordinating the education program of the department.		
Hernando	176	90	Fair River (Lincoln)	122	82
Charleston, First	388	168	Brookhaven, First	883	316
Bethlehem (Jones)	149	121	Hamilton St.	164	82
Lucedale	456	174	Bluff Springs (Pike)	71	61
Brookhaven,			New Sight (Lincoln)	129	85
Hamilton St.	748	207	—BR—		
Southway	104	81	MIDLAND, Tex. — (BP) —		
Halbert Heights	31	28	The Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention here agreed with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that an increase in		
Brookhaven, Central	94	65	—BR—		
McComb, East	500	184	SEND FOR FREE CATALOG OF CHURCH FURNITURE		
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Douglas Goes To Pontotoc Church



Rev. W. T. Douglas

Rev. W. T. Douglas, for the past five years pastor of the First Church of Magnolia, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Church of Pontotoc.

The Rev. Mr. Douglas will move to Pontotoc on May 24. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas will attend the Baptist World Alliance and will leave on June 16 for a tour of Europe prior to the Alliance.

He is following the Rev. James Monroe who resigned to accept the church at New Boston, Texas.

The work at Magnolia showed substantial progress under his leadership. An educational building was built and gains were recorded in every phase of the work.

Mrs. Douglas is the former Martha Sampson of Louisville, Kentucky. There are two children in the family, Gayle 9 and Denny 7.

Sunday school enrollment will help curb crime. The Convention also praised efforts to remove obscene literature from newsstands.

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LAMOYNE SHARPE

Roger Dorsett, preacher, of Miss. College and Memphis, and Lamoyne Sharpe, song leader, of Miss. Southern and Tupelo, are among the 26 Baptist students who have volunteered for work in Youth-led Revivals this summer.

Pastors, let's keep these consecrated young people busy in our Mississippi churches.

MISCELLANEA

Four from Clarke College joined the Newton Church last month. Clarke has made First Magnitude. Congratulations!

William Carey gave \$178.35 to Home Missions in their Annie Armstrong Offering and are First Magnitude again, we believe. Congratulations to you Careyites, too!

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" was Jones Jr.'s theme for installation. Thirty students participated in Youth Week services at First and West Ellisville Churches. Mrs. Lowrey Compere, of Clarke, spoke to 70 gathered for J.C.J.C.'s recent "Grinmore Circus."

Mary Nell Stennett is Holmes Jr.'s new President.

With Rev. Riley Munday, Pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock, Ark., as speaker, 169 attended Miss. College's ban-

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quet. Miss Jo Anna Crouch, BSU Director for Sunflower Jr., taught the Methods Book to 30.

Roy Brigance, former BSU Director for Perkinson Jr., now for city of Bowling Green, Ky., was Music Director for Kentucky's Spring Retreat.

Co-Lin students and faculty gave \$280 through Wesson Church last month.

Two have signed up for special chartered bus from Jack to Student Retreat at Ridgecrest. Deadline for round-trip fares (\$20 each) and for Retreat registrations (\$2.50 each) is May 30th in this office.

All BSU Directors are reminded that State BSU Office will pay \$35 of your Ridgecrest expense in addition to what S. Board pays.

College pastors, high school seniors are urged to join us for Ridgecrest.

Sentiment continues to grow for Hinds Associational BSU Director, Student Centers for Miss. State, Delta State and now Sunflower Jr.

Have you and your BSU given to Student Summer Missions yet?

Write Rev. Fred McCaulley, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga., about becoming a Tent-maker, i. e., working in the West and doing mission work during leisure time.

—BR—

Columbia, First, To Erect New Sanctuary

First Church, Columbia recently voted to build a new sanctuary with all modern conveniences, and some much-needed additional educational space.

The organizations there continue to grow. In April the Sunday School reached its highest attendance yet, with an average of 734 for the main church, and 824 for the main church and the South Columbia Mission. The Training Union also reached its highest attendance record.

The Taming . . .

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Christians will not command the fascination or devotion of a lost world.

The cross in our day has become a charm, an amulet, an adornment. We have exercised ingenious artistry in our efforts to domesticate it and to subdue its vital and soul-stirring passion. The most thrilling, exciting, impelling, and gripping symbol of all time has become a dull, languid, insipid, and inert commonplace.

The original cross was rough, rugged and unsightly. It was drenched with tears, stained with blood, and pierced with nails. Our crosses arouse a passing admiration, while the original cross of Jesus redeemed a dying thief and flung open the doors of Paradise, not only for him but for all who will believe. Inspired by this cross, men marched into the very jaws of death, hurling their defiance against every tyrannical power and singing their exultant songs of victory. Let us consider how far we have travelled in our efforts to tame the cross and empty this glorious symbol of its primitive meaning.

I. The Nature of Sin

When our original parents disobeyed God, they were unwilling to face the consequences of their actions. Bearing upon their souls the intolerable burden of guilt, they feared to face the one who, alone, could bring pardon and renewal of fellowship.

Not long ago a lad disobeyed his mother. He hid himself behind the shrubbery surrounding the house. Through the afternoon and into the night his mother called his name with no response. Finally he tried the back door and found it open. Slipping into the house, he made his way upstairs to his bedroom and, under cover of darkness, prepared for bed. Even the darkness became his enemy and drove sleep from his eyes. Through the moonlight he became aware of his mother sitting by his bed. With a sob he threw himself into her arms. Comforting his aching heart as only a mother can, she said, "Why didn't you answer when I called? Didn't you know we could work this thing out together?"

The cross on which Jesus died revealed sin as something with which only God can adequately deal. Man constantly evades this sublime truth and tries to find the answer within himself. It is this distortion of the glory of the cross which has brought untold suffering to mankind. No

A Planning Committee and a Finance Committee have been elected and are looking for the earliest possible date to begin the construction of the new building.

Rev. J. R. Davis is the pastor.

system of penance, no elaboration of ritual, no program of reformation has ever been devised which can deliver the soul of man from the bondage of evil. This is a problem which only God can solve, and this he did in a manner befitting his glory and mercy.

II. The Ministry of Pain

Nowhere has our effort to soften and enervate the cross become more apparent than in our attitude toward pain. The question arises so often when misfortune, disease, or death visits our lives, why did this have to happen to me? The assumption seems to be that being a Christian calls for exemption from the heartaches and miseries which are the common lot of mankind. The arrival of suffering or sorrow is considered a hostile intrusion into our plans, and a vicious disturbance of the neat harmonies of our lives. Racked with pain, consumed with fever, plagued with disease, and tortured in soul, millions stand beside life's wailing wall. The cross reaches down into the great deeps and brings an answer, not so much as to "why" but with a triumphant "how."

Long ago one of God's great servants drank from the chalice of pain. The floods of disaster swept away all of life's comfortable securities. A desert storm rolled in with the burning whirling sands to slay his sons and daughters. A loathsome disease affected his body. Even his wife advised him to "curse God and die" (Job 2:9). Well did

Job know that the cursing and dying would be one. Out of the pits of his despair there comes the ringing affirmation of his faith, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15).

The intensity of the physical suffering of our Lord in connection with the events of Passion Week cannot be measured. The cry of dereliction, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me" (Mark 15:34), and the cry of physical anguish, "I thirst" (John 19:28), reveal nothing less than the very agony of God. This indicates the distance God is willing to go in sharing the sharpest pain, the deepest grief, and the darkest despair with every man.

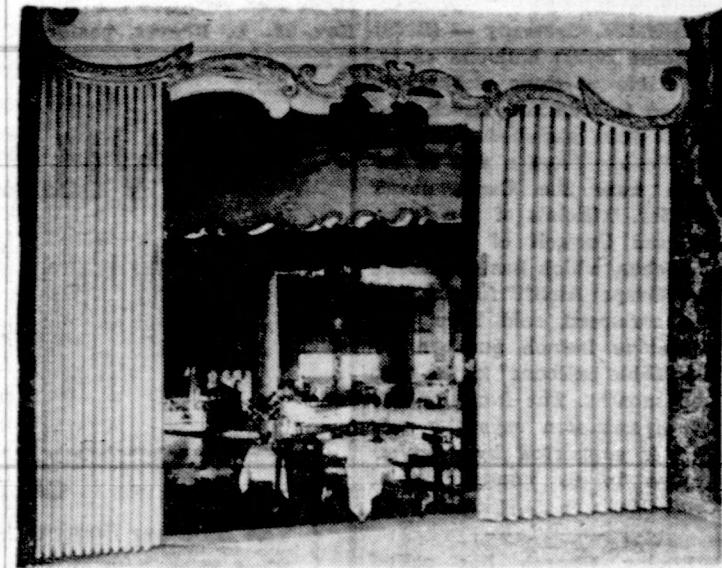
In one of Ibsen's plays the question is asked, "Who taught thee to sing?" The singer answered, "God sent me sorrow." Suffering is a wise teacher of great and inexpressible things. We find God not only sharing our suffering, but opening up for us new worlds of meaning and growth. "The north winds made the Vikings." Good health, ample leisure, comfortable living, and popularity are fine things to have, but they seldom call out of a man the best there is in him.

A wise man once said, "God sent not his Son into the world to make us comfortable: he sent him to make us great."

Dr. Hutton, in the British Weekly, tells of the caddies on the golf course at St. Andrews. He says that these youngsters

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Utica Church, Rev. R. Y. Gerard, pastor, has let the contract for air-conditioning of the entire church plant. That means that the pastor will have to preach better sermons to keep the people from going to sleep, they will be so comfortable.

—BR—

First Church, Hollandale, Rev. Joe W. Hudson, pastor, is planning to secure a Youth Director for the purpose of promoting and supporting a summer youth program. The pastor has also been authorized to find a Music and Educational Director to begin work in September.

—BR—

Mrs. Clarence Cutrell, wife of the Calhoun City pastor, recently led conferences at the Sunday School Clinic at Temple Church, Winnsboro, Louisiana.

—BR—

Travelers who cross the wild hill country between Bela Vista and Puerto Cooper along the Paraguayan-Brazilian border claim that the forests echo daily with the sounds of church anthems weirdly sung by a chorus of green-and-red feathered birds, led by an escaped parrot which belonged to a religious widow.

—BR—

J. M. Thomas, Jr., of Tupelo, writes to commend Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary, for writing each person who used their home during the recent Royal Ambassador Congress at Tupelo. Mr. Thomas says, "It is so seldom that we all stop long enough to give an expression of thanks for these things that I thought it worthwhile to call this to your attention."

—BR—

MUNICH, Germany — (RNS) — Some 10,000 balloons carrying Bible portions and tracts printed in Russian, Czech and Polish were launched into eastern Europe from a site in Bavaria near the Czechoslovak frontier. Officials of the International Council of Christian Churches, which has sponsored the "Gospel Airlift" for the past two summers, said here they expect to launch another 90,000 "Bible balloons" in the next four months. The fundamentalist organization says the project is supported by member groups in 45 non-Communist countries.

—BR—

Shelby Church has called Rev. Lenno Powell, a student at Mississippi College, as Interim pastor. He plans to be on the field during the summer if the church does not find a permanent pastor by that time.

—BR—

Dr. Charles L. McKay, formerly pastor of the First Church, Pascagoula, and now a member of the Baptist Sunday School Board staff, recently led in the revival meeting at Copeland Park Church, Newport News, Virginia. The pastor is Rev. Jos-

eph Flowers, a Mississippian. There were 110 additions, 87 by baptism.

—BR—

Dr. A. Donald Bell, professor at Southwestern Seminary, will be visiting Professor of Education and Psychology at Mississippi College for the two summer terms, June 2-August 17. Dr. Bell is professor of psychology at Southwestern and formerly was Promotional Assistant to the President and professor of psychology at Mississippi College. He was with the college from 1948 to 1951 and is well known among the churches of the state. His courses will include two in the field of educational guidance for graduate students, one course in mental hygiene on the college level, and a course in guidance on the bachelor's level. Professor and Mrs. Bell will reside in Clinton during the summer.

—BR—

Rev. Grady Goodman Jr. has resigned the pastorate of the Interstate church, Bolivar County, in order to accept the pastorate of the Parkview church in Leland. Mr. Goodman has served as pastor of the Interstate Church for 2½ years and has done a good work. The church has made progress in all phases of the work under his leadership. Mr. Goodman is a member of the Associational Missions Committee and has served well in that capacity. He has supported all phases of the Associational program. He will begin his work in Leland June 1.

—BR—

Correction: In a recent article in the Baptist Record concerning Center Hill in Monroe County it was stated that Rev. L. D. Kennedy was the pastor. Rev. M. L. Reeves, pastor of

the Becker Church, is now also pastor of the Center Hill Church.

—BR—

"Frontiers of Faith," weekly religious television program sponsored by the National Broadcasting Co., will feature Dr. Theodore Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., on Sunday, May 29. The program will originate in New York at 3 p.m. (EDT). He was recently invited to visit the Baptists of Russia following the BWA in London in July, and has indicated he will if travel arrangements can be made.

—BR—

The Radio and Television Commission advertisement which appeared in the May 12, 1955 issue of the Baptist Record may have left the erroneous impression that this Southern Baptist agency has not received its allotted share of Cooperative Program receipts. This was not intended. The Radio and Television Commission has a 1955 allotment of 2.33 per cent of undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program. The figure mentioned in the ad was not the undesignated portion of the Cooperative Program—instead it was the total receipts including Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, etc. The Commission received the amount of \$66,536.56 as stated, which was 2.33 per cent of all undesignated Cooperative Program receipts (\$2,896,847.44) for January, February, and March of 1955.

—BR—

Courts Redford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Board will occupy the second floor and part of the first and third as a result of the move.

Sabougla Church, near Slate Spring, dedicated its Nursery recently. (This dedication was preceded by a "Baby Hunt" day wherein parents were visited where there was a prospect for membership and were invited to come and bring their babies to the Nursery.)

Mrs. T. J. Wofford, (above), Superintendent of the Nursery, discussed the "History of the Nursery" and Mr. G. H. Middleton discussed the "Purpose of the Nursery." The Junior Choir under direction of Mrs. Forrest McPhail, sang "Jesus

Loves Me." The program was concluded with a Dedicatory Prayer by A. C. Black. There were ten babies enrolled in the Nursery on this day.

The church had set an attendance goal of 75 for Sunday School; 78 were present (the church has 80 resident members). T. J. Wofford is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Evangelistic Revival Services opened with the evening service with Pastor, Rev. G. H. Middleton, doing the preaching and J. B. Rowe, conducting the song service.

which will meet monthly. Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor of the Skene Church was elected president, Rev. C. A. Webb, Pastor of First Church, Cleveland was elected Vice-President, and Rev. J. E. Glenn, pastor of Providence Church was elected Secretary.

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RECREATION AT RIDGECREST

Attention! Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, Secretary of Church Recreation for the Sunday School Board in Nashville and also Director of Recreation for the Training Union Assemblies at Ridgecrest, has requested that all church groups who have within their Ridgecrest delegation the talent for a prepared skit or stunt, prepare in advance of going to Ridgecrest such a skit or stunt to be used on a program which will be a substitute for the regular stunt parade during one afternoon of each week.

This advance notice is deemed necessary in case particular props are needed or particular musical instruments need to be taken to put on this stunt. In many churches throughout the state, the young people have a particular stunt that they enjoy putting on at State Assemblies or elsewhere. It is just such talent that Mrs. Pylant is seeking for the particular program she has in mind for an

afternoon of fun and relaxation at Ridgecrest.

UNION ASSOCIATION

Union Association's first associational elimination in the Training Union Convention and Assembly Features was held recently with 213 people present. Associational Missionary W. B. Boatner writes that the people were enthusiastic over the results of this meeting especially in view of the fact that last year the association did not have any participants in the Convention and Assembly Features. Five participated in Primary Story Time, ten in the Junior Memory Work Drill (five go to the District Convention). Five were in the Intermediate Sword Drill, two in the Young People's Speakers' Tournament.

Rev. Martin Gilbert, Secretary of Rural Church Work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board spoke on the subject "Working Together in the Association." Rev. T. J. Boyd is Associational Training Union Director.

Church Architecture Services Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) — During 1954 the Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, received requests for services from 8,262 churches. Of this number a total of 1,167 had not made request before.

These requests were received from the twenty-four states of the Southern Baptist Convention territory and from twenty-one states outside.

Requests outside of the United States came from Africa, Alaska, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Honduras, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Hawaii, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaya, Nova Scotia, Spain, Uruguay, and West Germany.

Besides these, other requests came from seminaries, schools, assemblies, orphan homes, and others.

In making this report, W. A. Harrell, secretary of the department, said that 2,181 original sketches, working drawings, and specifications were furnished by the department last year in addition to studies taken from the files.

Editor's Note: There were 384 requests from Mississippi.
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Produced by Great Commission Films, producers of the Billy Graham pictures, WIRETAPPER also features Billy Graham in the part he played in winning Jim Vaus to Christ.

Since renouncing his underworld associates in 1949, Vaus has become an evangelist and now heads Missionary Communication Service, Inc., a non-profit foundation dedicated to providing electronic equipment to missionaries all over the world.

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Meridian, 15th Ave., Breaks Ground



On May 8, Fifteenth Avenue living member of the 1921 Building Committee which erected the present building, and Rev. Jack Southerland, pastor.

Since the goal was reached at the Sunday School hour, a ground-breaking service was held at 11:30 that day. The cost of the new building will be approximately \$150,000.

Shown in the picture are, left to right: Leroy Reeves, chairman of the present Building Committee, A. B. Renfroe, only

MC Chapel Exercise Held In Memory Of Joe T. Odle

The May 13 chapel exercise at Mississippi College was in memory of the late Joe T. Odle, a student at Mississippi College from September, 1952, until November, 1954.

Before leaving for Miami, Florida, to sing for the Southern Baptist Convention, the Robed Choir, of which Joe Thomas was a member, sang several of his favorite religious selections.

After the choir sang two numbers, Joe's father, Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor of the First Church, Gulfport, presented 2 pianos to Mississippi College. These pianos were bought with gifts donated by friends, schoolmates, and Joe's family. One piano is for the auditorium of the Student Center, and the other is for the Music Department.

Dr. Odle also told the Mississippi College Student Body and faculty that a scholarship fund has been established as the Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Scholarship. The idea for the scholarship had its inception among former Mississippi College students in attendance at

Church Observes Pastor's Anniversary

On April 17 the First Church of Florence, South Carolina, marked the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Edward L. Byrd.

Editor's Note: Dr. Byrd is a Mississippian and was formerly pastor of the Highland Church, Meridian.

Some marks of progress over the five years were noted. Total membership has grown from 2,863 to 3,200. Sunday School enrollment has increased from 1944 to 2723. As a fifth anniversary present to Dr. and Mrs. Byrd, the church is sending them to the Baptist World Alliance.

the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, but the \$100.00 scholarship is provided jointly by Joe's schoolmates and his family. The award is to be given annually to a member of the freshman class who has committed himself to a definite phase of specialized Christian service. Since the fund is to be administered by Mississippi College, application for the award may be made to the president.

Simmons Accepts Raymond Church

Rev. Bob E. Simmons, who has recently been serving a church in New Orleans, has accepted the call of the Raymond Church.

A native Mississippian, the young preacher was born at Leland, and was graduated from Clarksdale High School in 1945.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, where he attended following service with the U. S. Navy in World War II. Mr. Simmons received his bachelor's degree from the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans in 1952.

The 28-year-old pastor has completed his studies at the Seminary just recently and is to receive his doctor's degree July 8.

While attending the Seminary, he held pastorates at Bluff Springs, in Pike county and subsequently at Mt. Zion in Simpson county, and comes to Raymond from the Severn Baptist Mission in New Orleans, where he has preached for the last year.

Mr. Simmons is married to the former Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnson, of Bassfield.



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MISS JACQUELINE HEWITT

Miss Jacqueline Hewitt leaves the Sunday School Department this week to enter the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth, Texas, to complete her training for mission service in South America thereafter.

It is with the greatest regret that we lose from our Department, and from the Baptist work in Mississippi, this very talented young lady. She has been with us for two years and in that short time has endeared

herself to Mississippi Baptists in a remarkable way through her unselfish and loyal devotion to the work, and by her capable and satisfactory way of doing it.

She has made a larger contribution to our work in this short time than many of us would have done in a much longer period. Her friendly, pleasing, happy way of life has been contagious and others have been helpfully influenced by it.

Not often do we find people who can do so many things and do them so well. She was always ready to do her best whenever a request came for service.

Also, she was helpful to our program through her deep and abiding convictions. She has a wonderful sense of the rightness and fitness of things. All of these add up to a wonderful personality.

We regret exceedingly to see her go from our Department, and yet we would not dare say no, because she is doing what she genuinely believes (and we believe it, too) is the will of God for her life. And that is exactly what every person should do. When that is done,

Robert J. Cadigan of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, editor of *Presbyterian Life*, has been elected president of the Associated Church Press, organization of editors of Protestant publications in the United States and Canada, succeeding G. Elson Ruff, editor of *The Lutheran*.

there will be no regrets for we will be right.

May God's richest and fullest blessings abide upon this splendid, capable, friendly, helpful young lady as she goes from us to prepare herself for a larger ministry to people in another land, but where God is just as much as He is here, and where the need is great. We shall pray for her as she serves elsewhere.

ANOTHER NEW SCHOOL

New Sunday schools, like new classes and departments, grow faster than old ones.

That is why we are always so glad to hear of a new school being organized, as has recently been true at Half Mile church in Leflore association, where Rev. W. F. Childress is pastor.

Thanks, Brother Childress, for the good work in getting a Sunday school at Half Mile. Many blessings will come to those people through the regular study of the Bible week by week in their own church.

Hebron (Jones) Observes Youth Week



The Hebron Church held a Youth Revival April 24-May 1. The goal of 120 in Sunday School was almost reached. The Training Union attendance was 94.

The youth began the week with visitation on Sunday afternoon, when every home in the community was visited.

Charles Pickering, Youth Pastor, preached at two services and J. D. Hodges, Asst. Pastor, preached at one. Ervin Yates, Chairman of the Deacons, led prayer services on Wednesday night.

Others participating were: Lorraine Pitts, Ray Trest, Eugene Hodges, Rachel Reddoch, Carolyn Pickering, Dale Pickering, Willis Pickering, Clemon Walley, Byron Willis, Ralph Trest, Jeanell Gordon, Robbie

Center Ridge Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. H. L. Redd has been called to serve as pastor of the Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City.

He is a native Mississippian who served as pastor of churches in Louisiana and Alabama before entering the Chaplaincy in 1952. Mr. Redd has been awarded the Commendation Medal by the Department of Army for meritorious service in Korea 1952-1953.

Rev. and Mrs. Redd are graduates of Mississippi and Blue Mountain Colleges, respectively; and both graduated from New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Redd served as missionary in Louisiana for three years with the Home Mission Board.

They have already moved onto the field and were welcomed by the community with a pantry shower.

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Rev. Fred E. Robertson is pastor.

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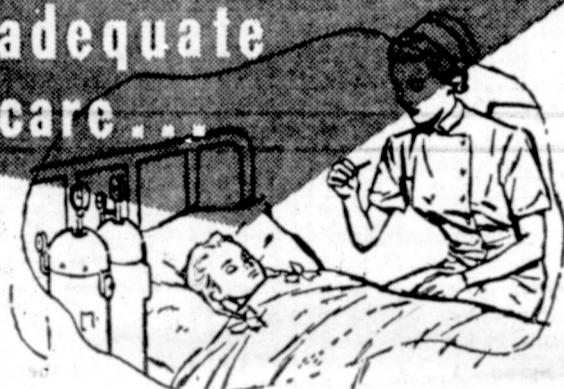
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Magnolia Park, Jackson, Has Youth Week

Magnolia Park, Jackson, recently observed its first Youth Week, under the leadership of Eugene Hatcher as Youth Week pastor and Toxic Bunyard as Youth Week Song Director. Thirty young people and intermediates actively served on committees and as officers of the church.

The Youth Week Program began with the Training Union Hour, April 24, and the Youth Week pastor brought the message. The program continued with Monday night's conference on "Christian Education" led by Dr. E. I. Farr of Mississippi College; Tuesday night's conference on "Courtship and Marriage" led by Dr. R. R. Pearce of Mississippi College, and Thursday night's conference on "Choosing Life's Vocation," led by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Maples.

Wednesday night the Young People presented a program on "The Mind of Christ." Friday night the W.M.U. gave a banquet for the youth, with Rev. Joe Galle, pastor of Pocahontas Church as guest speaker.

The Youth Week services were concluded on Sunday morning, May 1, with the pastor's sermon on "Life's Decisions."

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URBANA, Ill. — (BP) — Thirty-two foreign students representing twenty-one nations attended a revival service in First Southern Baptist Church here after a special invitation was extended to all foreign students enroled at University of Illinois. Dr. E. C. Routh, former state Baptist newspaper editor, was revival minister.

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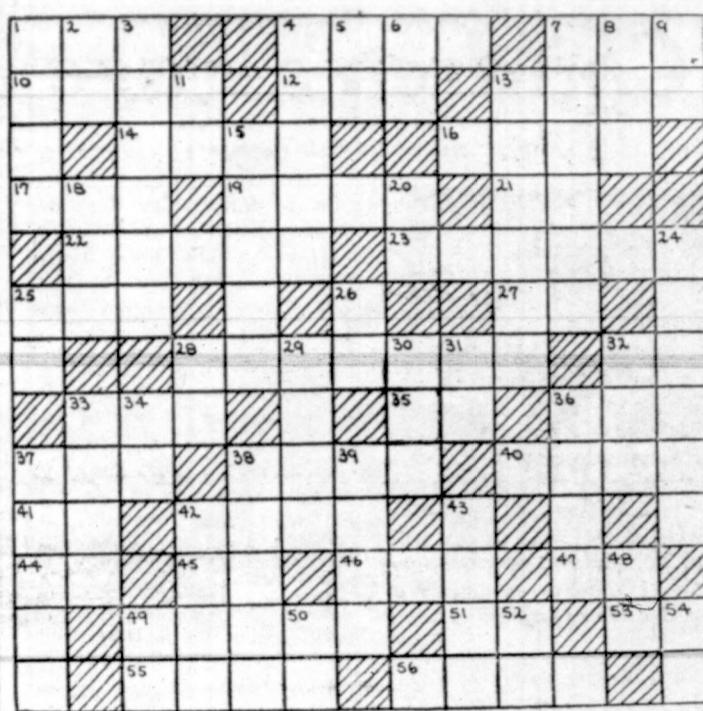
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Mark 5

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ACROSS

1 "always, night . . . day, he was" :5

4 Reveal (old form)

7 "told them . . . it befell to him" :16

10 "they that fed the swine . . ." :14

12 "chains had been plucked asunder by . . ." :4

13 "cried with a . . . voice, and said" :7

14 Step

16 "And they . . . out to see" :14

17 Royal Academy of Arts abbr.)

19 "an . . . of many swine feeding" Luke 8:32

21 Gill (abbr.)

22 "a . . . herd of swine feeding" :11

23 "how great . . . Jesus had done" :20

25 "there . . . him out of the tombs a man" :2

27 King of Bashan Josh. 13:12

28 "man with an . . . spirit" :2

32 Month (abbr.)

33 "and in . . . right mind" :15

35 "What have I . . . do with thee" :7

36 Five and five

37 "thou Son of the most high . . ." :7

38 "great things the Lord . . . done for thee" :19

40 "what it was that was . . ." :14

41 Licentiate in Medicine (abbr.)

42 Literary items

44 Agricultural Engineer (abbr.)

45 Obadiah (abbr.)

46 Member of the Institution of Journalists (Brit. abbr.)

47 "prayed him that he might . . . with him" :18

49 "out of the man, and entered into the . . ." Luke 8:33

51 "suffer us to . . . away into the herd of swine" Matt. 8:31

53 "he asked him, What . . .

thy name" :9

55 "For he said . . . him, Come out" :8

56 "and hath had compassion on . . ." :19

DOWN

1 "when he saw Jesus . . . off" :6

2 North latitude (abbr.)

3 "began to pray him to . . . out of their coasts" :17

4 Broad piece of cloth used for bedding

5 Hawaiian Islands (abbr.)

6 Printers' measure

7 Sharpening with a hone

8 "If thou cast us . . ." Matt. 8:31

9 War Department (abbr.)

11 District Attorney (abbr.)

13 "My name is . . ." :9

15 "often bound with fetters and . . . s" :4

18 Period of time

20 Double time (mil. abbr.)

24 "crying and cutting himself with . . ." :5

25 "that thou torment . . . not" :7

26 Aluminum (abbr.)

28 "Send . . . into the swine" :12

29 garment

30 Ethiopia (abbr.)

31 Army Order (abbr.)

32 "and all . . . did marvel" :20

33 "Go . . . to thy friends" :19

34 Intelligence Department (abbr.)

36 "had his dwelling among the . . . s" :3

37 Transparent substance

38 Custom

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Children's Page



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The Animal Fiesta

By CATHERINE BLANTON

Maria was lonely. In Mexico she had many friends. Here she had no one. Oh, there was Papa. But he left early in the morning to work in the fields. And there was Mama. But she had to care for the baby brother.

So, that left only Tonio, her spotted dog. Then today even he had run away.

Maria didn't cry about it. Crying did no good. It wouldn't take her back to Mexico and it wouldn't send Tonio home again. Besides, Papa and Mama would be sad if they heard her crying. They would know she wasn't happy.

The noise coming down the street made her look up. At first she thought it was a circus parade. There was a boy, a girl, a donkey, and a goat, all dressed up.

And then she saw Tonio Why, he was walking as if he were in the parade, too. Only Tonio had no fancy clothes. But you could see that Tonio was happy.

"Is this your dog?" asked the boy, coming to Maria's gate.

The little girl smoothed down her brightly embroidered skirt. "Carlos says maybe he wants to go to the Fiesta with us," she said.

"Fiesta?" said Maria. "I - I thought you just had those in Mexico."

Carlos dark eyes brightened. "Oh, we have a Fiesta of the Animals at Neighborhood House. The good teachers there say we should remember the happy customs of Mexico. So, today is the Fiesta of the Animals."

"And we are taking our pets with us. This is Popo," said the little girl, patting the goat's head. "Doesn't he look pretty in these yellow flowers?"

"Lupe make them all herself," said the boy proudly. "She helped me fix up Poncho, too. We

think maybe he will get a prize."

The gray donkey had bright paper flowers all over his head. Around his neck was a string of silver bells.

"There's always a piñata at the Fiesta, too," exclaimed Lupe. "Do you know what a piñata is?" she asked.

Maria nodded her head. They had had one only last Christmas, but that was in Mexico.

Suddenly Carlos said, "But why do you not take your dog to Neighborhood House? You would like it there."

Maria said, "I - I do not know about Neighborhood House. What kind of a place is it?"

"Oh," cried Lupe, "It is where you go when you need a friend. We have lots of friends there."

"There is a playground, too," said Carlos. "We play ball sometimes."

"I like to play on the slides," added Lupe.

Maria said, "My! I wish I could go to Neighborhood House. I have no friends here."

"Then you can," said Lupe. "You can go with us."

Poncho shook his head and the bells tinkled. It made Tonio bark.

"See, he wants to go," cried Carlos. "He wants to go to the Animal Fiesta."

"But he is not dressed up," said Maria. "He has no flowers or bells."

Lupe smiled. "I'll give him some of Popo's flowers."

"And some of Poncho's bells," said her brother.

So Maria went into the little house and told her Mama about Neighborhood House and the Fiesta. Mama was glad that Maria had made some friends.

She found a bright ribbon to put on Tonio, too.

The yard at Neighborhood House was full of gaily dressed boys and girls and their pets.

The teachers lined up the children and their pets and they marched about. You could see some of the money was used:

In a village in Africa there

was glad when Poncho and Popo were both given prizes.

"Now it is time for the piñata," said Carlos.

The Piñata was made like a big paper rooster. It was hanging in a tree above the children's head.

"You will all have a turn," said the teacher. "But don't try to hit it until you are blindfolded."

"The piñata has candy in it," whispered Lupe to Maria. "We will have to run fast when it is broken."

Because Carlos and Lupe had both won prizes they were given first chance to hit the piñata. They tried, but missed.

The other children tried, too. But they could not hit it either. Then it was Maria's turn.

The teacher tied the white cloth about her eyes. She held the stick tight in her hand. Then WHAM! she let it go. There was a big crack. The children screamed. Someone pulled the rag from Maria's eyes.

The teacher said, "Hurry, or you won't get any candy!"

But Carlos said, "Oh, yes, she will. I have enough for her."

Then the Fiesta was over. Maria and Tonio, Carlos and Poncho, Lupe and Popo made another parade walking home together.

Maria's mama came out to see them. "Ah, is the Fiesta all over?"

And Maria replied, "The Fiesta is over. But tomorrow I will go back to Neighborhood House to learn to paint. There is a class for girls and boys like me."

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Jane's Offering Went Traveling

By LULA DOYLE BAIRD

One day Jane started out to Sunday school with her purse in her hand. She had an extra offering in it today because she had earned some money by playing with her neighbor's baby.

Jane felt very glad as she heard the money jingling in her purse because this was the fourth Sunday and the offering today would help in many places. The offering Jane gave did not stay long in the basket. It went traveling. First it traveled with a lot of other money to the Sunday school treasurer's office.

The next day the offering traveled to the bank. When the Sunday school treasurer had banked all the money, he wrote a check to Nashville where it is put with other checks from all over the Southern Baptist Convention. Here is one way some of the money was used:

In a village in Africa there was a little girl named Kembo.

Caudill, Townsend To Speak At Blue Mtn. Commencement



Dr. R. Paul Caudill

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Ph. D., pastor First Church, Memphis, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for Blue Mountain College's 82nd Commencement, May 29.

Dr. Caudill is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For seven years, he was Tennessee member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of its Finance Committee. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and is



Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend

chairman of the Relief Committee of the Alliance.

Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend, hostess at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, who will make the Commencement Address on May 30.

Mrs. Townsend is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. For many years she was Associate Southwide Baptist Student Union Secretary. For three years she served as Alumnae Secretary, Assistant Dean of Students, and Bookstore Manager at Blue Mountain College.

Looxahoma Church Has Youth Revival

The Looxahoma Baptist Church conducted a youth-led revival with services Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, May 7-8 led by four students from Mississippi College.

Walter Burrell did the preaching with Max Dorr song leader, Miss Freddie Ann Huffstatter, (from the local church) as pianist and Miss Lora Shaw as accordionist.

There were several rededications of lives.



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Blue Mountain Has Twin Meet

Bright sunshine enhanced the meeting of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association and the May Day Festival ceremonies.

The feature of the meeting was the address on the value of a Christian college by Mrs. Roger Hull, '30, of Darien, Conn.

A total of \$4517.85 was reported for the Living Endowment Fund for the year ending May 1, 1955. This is an increase of \$529.65 over the previous year.

Five of the nine living members of the class of 1905, were present for their class reunion, and one member of the class of 1904 from Nogales, Ariz., was present.

The officers of the previous year were re-elected, as were the officers of the Junior Alumnae group.

A beautiful memorial service for those alumnae who died during the year was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Anderson of Booneville.

After the reunion classes of 1902, 1915, 1930, 1945, and 1950, were honored, the meeting was adjourned and all assembled on front campus to witness the May Day ceremonies, colorful in carrying out the motif of "The Wizard of Oz," to the delight of May Queen Sara Rice, her court and a campus full of visitors.

She was very sick. Someone brought her to the mission hospital. The doctor and nurse took such good care of her that Kembo was soon well again.

When her father came to take her home he said to the doctor and nurse, "Thank you for helping my little girl to get well. I am glad we have this hospital here."

"I am glad for friends in Baptist churches in America who have built this hospital," said the doctor.

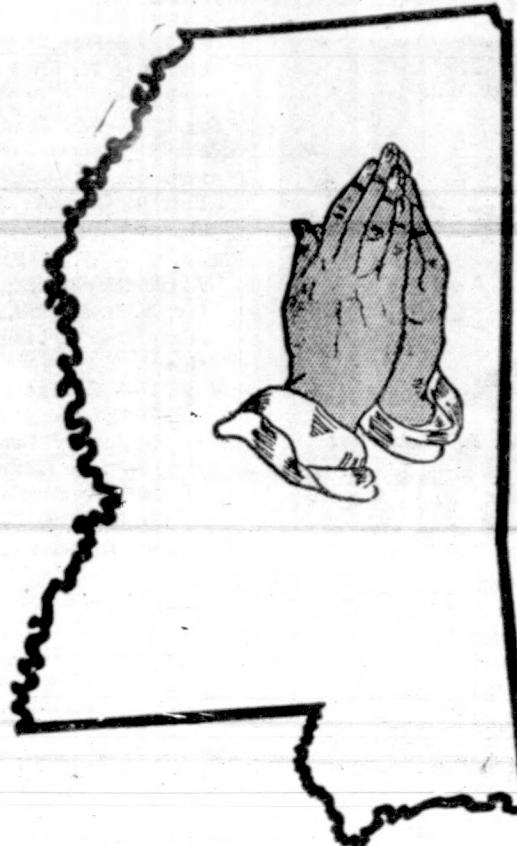
The nurse said to Kembo, "And perhaps a little girl just like you carried her money to church because she wanted to help someone like you get well."

Kembo gave a big smile of thanks as she and her father left the hospital.

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STATE MISSIONS

Those who attended the WMU Convention in March will remember that we covenanted together to pray daily for our state! The map of our state and

the "praying hands" will be a reminder to PRAY for Mississippi and her spiritual needs! State Mission Season of Prayer Preparation Day—September 12 Season of Prayer Program—September 19-20

The Taming . . .

(Continued from Page 7)

are more or less dictators in their own spheres. The caddy will give careful advice about the club, the direction, and the distance; and then stand quietly by to see what you can do. On one occasion a stranger was playing the course, and not being accustomed to such expert advice from his caddy, was somewhat disturbed by it. Finally they came to a dog-leg hole which could be reached only by a circuitous route. The caddy handed him a club and said, "You play on that black-roofed building over there on the left." "Would it not be better," said the stranger, "to go straight for the hole?" To which the caddy replied, "You may play in any direction you wish; I was only suggesting how to play in order to win the hole." We have our instructions in the cross. We can spend our time trying to soften the cross with our relentless "whys," or we can discover God's "how" in the manner of our Saviour. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

III. The Utterness of Love

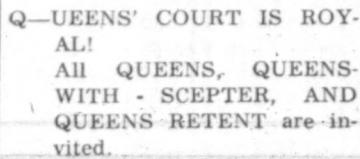
Perhaps we can blame the English language for our failure to understand and keep alive the grand passion of divine love in the drama of the

cross. Unfortunately, the English word "love" must cover several different meanings.

The Greek language is much richer. There are four words for love that are most often used. Epithumia denotes affection that is purely sensuous. Philia is used for the love of two friends. Eros appears in connection with love between the sexes. Agape is the constantly recurring word in denoting God's love for man and man's love for God. The New Testament writers took this word and invested it with a meaning that carried all that God could feel for man and all that man could feel for God. This love became a sacred passion which stirred the mind, warmed the heart, and aroused the will. There was an utterness in his love that impelled men to hazard their lives for the gospel.

Men have wondered what kept John Wesley in the saddle for fifty-three years. He was still travelling and preaching at eighty-eight. They have wondered what kept David Livingston in the jungles of Africa for thirty-three years, and William Carey in India until God called him home. Here is love made strong by sacrifice and toil and bearing the marks of the cross.

Butler's Lives of the Saints tells the story of Phocas, the gardener saint and martyr of



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Sinope in Asia Minor. Phocas lived in the first years of the fourth century outside the city gates. His home was on the landward side of the busy port, and all travellers going by rode past his door. It was part of his joy to sit by the side of the road and be a friend to man. Many weary travellers accepted his invitation and stopped to refresh themselves before going on their way. Phocas made no secret of his Christian faith. It had a way of slipping into his conversation, and then into his loving acts of kindness. Suddenly, the fierce persecution of the Christians under Diocletian broke out. Phocas was named as a Christian, and Lictors were

sent in haste to Sinope to identify and execute the criminal on the spot. The executioners approached the gate of Sinope one hot afternoon, when they were hailed from a cottage garden by an old man who begged them to pause a while and refresh themselves. They gladly consented, and the welcome was so warm and the simple hospitality so free that when their host urged them to spend the night and go about their business afresh the next day, they agreed to do that also. "What is your business?" inquired the host. They told him it was secret, but he was clearly a man to be trusted. They were seeking a certain Phocas. Did their host know him? The man was a dangerous Christian and had to be executed immediately. "I know him well," said Phocas, "he is quite near. Let us attend to it in the morning." When his guests retired, Phocas sat thinking. Escape was easy; he had only to go. By dawn he could be twenty miles away. Fellow Christians would hide him, and when the persecution was over he could emerge again. He made his decision.

While his guests slept that night he began to dig in his garden. He loved his patch of earth, its smell, its wholesomeness, its fecundity. Moreover, digging helped him to think.

If he ran, would it be cowardly? Christ did not run from his Calvary. If he sought refuge with other Christians, would it not imperil them? And what of the executioners? Decent fellows only doing their duty, and their lives would be forfeited for his. Over these thoughts there seemed to appear a luminous cross. Deeper and deeper he dug. It was all finished before dawn. He had dug his own grave.

Next morning he told them, "I am he." The Lictors were motionless in astonishment, un-

able to believe their ears, and reluctant to lay hands on one so good and kind. Phocas urged them to do their duty. Death had no terror for him. They must think of themselves and their dear ones. He had nothing but love for them. A sword swept, and all that was mortal of Phocas mingled with the garden he had loved so well. The Romans carried away a haunting memory.

The cross reveals the love of God for each man at the point of his deepest need.

IV. The Dimensions of Victory

Many Christians today have weakened the power of the cross by confining it to mere human categories of thought. Like the Disciples, we look on the dark side and allow a sense of failure and futility to black out the shining stars of victory. The cross is not a dark symbol of defeat, but the divine sign and assertion of the triumph of humility and service in a world of pride, arrogance, and selfishness.

You cannot bless until you bleed; you cannot save until you serve; you cannot lift until you stoop. While Christ shed his blood, God held the world closer to his heart than at any other time in human history. A man is never bigger than when he puts the strength of his life under the load that another carries.

Our patterns of success revolve around human and contemporary standards. Power, pleasure, and profits are the trademarks of human accomplishment. The cross is God's revelation that pain is often better than pleasure, surrender is better than dominion, and sacrifice is better than profits.

Conclusion

How big is the cross in your life? Is it weak and inane, drab and powerless? Have you left it outside a city wall where our Lord was crucified two thousand (Continued on Page 15)



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Sunday School Lesson

By

DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

HEZEKIAH ATTEMPTS RECONCILIATION

Bible Texts: II Chronicles 27:30; Micah 6:7.

I. THE DARKNESS DEEPENS IN JUDAH

In chapter 27 we have the story of the reign of Jotham. He came to the throne as a twenty-five years man and his reign covered a period of sixteen years. It is written of him that "He did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah had done." But in spite of this fine statement "He entered not into the temple of Jehovah." For this reason we may be very sure that that the close of his sixteen years reign his people were in less degree devoted to Jehovah than when Jotham's reign began. Such is the influence of the leader upon his people. They will be inclined to follow his example in deed rather than in word.

The 28th chapter deals with the reign of Ahaz of whom it is written that "He did not that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah." He introduced idolatry into the religious lives of his people and this course always leads to degradation. Wherever the male-god Baal was worshiped the she-god As-tarte was worshiped also, and the worship of this unclean godness was unspeakably unclean. For this cause Jehovah delivered Ahaz into the hands of the king of Syria, who administered a great defeat to the army of Ahaz and carried away of his army a great multitude of captives.

In a great battle with the army of Israel Ahaz suffered another crushing defeat. In his extremity he sought to make alliances with all the heathen nations round about instead of going to Jehovah his God for aid. The one source of assistance which might have proved sufficient to his needs was the very source to which he did not go.

As results of this course of action Ahaz sank lower and lower and carried his people

down with him. Ahaz sank faster than his people did and we are told that he was forced to pay tribute to the king of Syria.

II. LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF

DARKNESS

During the sixteen years which span the reign of Jotham the moral conditions in the land of Judah had been steadily growing worse. We must not believe, however, that this condition obtained in the case of everyone who lived in Judah. There were undoubtedly multitudes of people whose hearts hungered for the truth as it was in Jehovah.

There are always people who argue that people are growing worse, that the period in which we live is characterized by a generation the crudest, rudest, nudest generation that has yet walked the earth, and after this opinion of the present and prediction concerning the future has been uttered a great revival breaks out and sometimes scores of thousands are swept by the winds of gospel truths out of the storm and into the haven.

I have met people who believe that the world was never so wicked as it is today. For all such I am very sorry, for the logic of their opinion forces them to believe that all good people are becoming less so and that all bad people are becoming progressively worse. I do not believe that a closer observation would bear this opinion out.

There are tens of thousands of good people now living in the world. Some of them live in cities, where, the forces opposed to a good Christian life make it necessary that one who desires to live it must fight temptations to which under easier circumstances they would not be subject at all. Adam and Eve are a fine illustration.

They lived in an ideal environment where was not a gambling hell, a house of ill fame, or even an unpleasant neighbor in all their neighborhood. They were innocent, but not strong. They had never learned to buffet temptation. They lived largely in the presence of God; but the devil found a way of access to them and they fell into the first trap he set for them.

Our Lord lived from baby-

hood to manhood in a hill town. He met temptation every day, and just as often mastered it. Then after His baptism he went up into the wilderness and fasted forty days, being tempted every day, and at the end of this period Satan in his most attractive form assaulted Jesus with temptation in its most powerful and attractive forms, and our Lord, skilled and disciplined in moral combat, worsted Satan in every test.

There are in our day more opportunities for the devil to work his nefarious will upon people than ever in the world before, perhaps. All these temptations people have to meet, and scores of thousands of God's children meet them every day, parley with them, grapple with them and come forth from the contest victors in the Christian warfare.

The good in the world were never better, even though it be true that the evil in the world were never worse.

Thus for years before Hezekiah the moral status of the people of Judah was growing worse until it had become very bad. But it was in the midst of a sorrier condition than this in the northern kingdom that the Lord spoke to His stout old prophet in the hour of his sorest weakness and discouragement and told him that there were seven thousand other men in Israel who had not bowed their knees to Baal nor kissed his image, so in the case of Hezekiah's revival there were thousands of people in Judah awaiting eagerly the day of God's visitation, patient, stout, heroic hearts who were ready at the command of God's leaders to assert themselves as on God's side.

III. THE GREAT REVIVAL

The story recorded in the 29th and 30th chapters is the record of the greatest revival that Jehovah's people experienced in all Old Testament times. "He did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done."

The doors of the house of Jehovah had been closed; Hezekiah caused them to be opened.

The house of Jehovah had been filled with rubbish; Hezekiah caused it to be emptied of rubbish.

The house of Jehovah had come to be filled with dust and dirt and many kinds of uncleanliness: Hezekiah caused the cobwebs to be cleaned out, the walls to be redecorated, the floors to be swept and garnished. He reinstated the services of the temple; he called the people to repentance toward Jehovah, to pray for forgiveness and to loyal service to the God of their fathers. The sacrifices of the passover were reinstated, the priests and the Levites were sanctified, and Jehovah poured His blessings upon the people.



W. P. Chancellor

W. P. Chancellor (shown above) has completed twenty-five years of service as treasurer of First Church, Macon. In recognition of his faithfulness the church bulletin "First Baptist Messenger" was dedicated to him and the church presented him a Hamilton watch. Recognition was also given Mrs. Chancellor, as she was presented a corsage of carnations.

Rev. R. D. Pearson is pastor.

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Radio-TV Commission Moves To Fort Worth

The Radio and Television Commission of the SBC will open new headquarters offices in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 31, 1955, it was announced today by Paul M. Stevens, director.

To be located in leased quarters at 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard for the present, the Commission will go ahead immediately with plans for the location of a permanent building site.

A portion of the agency's equipment has already been moved to the new location. The move will be completed the week of May 23.

The former Baptist Radio Center building at 1585 Ponce De Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, has been purchased by the Jackson Hill Baptist Church. A new church structure will be erected in front of the present building, according to Rev. Paul Cranford, pastor.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 23 — Junior G. A. Camp, Garaywa; Graduating Exercises, Clarke College.

May 24 — S. M. White, William Carey College staff; Mrs. C. S. Henderson, DeSoto Associational W. M. U. Superintendent.

May 25 — Dr. Joe Odle, Gulf Coast Associational Chairman of Evangelism; Herbert Batson, Grenada Association Training Union Director.

May 26 — W. E. Farr, Bolivar Associational Music Director; H. B. McNeil, Copiah Associational Brotherhood President.

May 27 — Gordon Sather, Carroll-Montgomery Association Missionary Graduation exercises for student nurses, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

May 28 — Mrs. R. R. Darby, B.S.U. Director, Perkinston Junior College; Mrs. Grady Cox, Mississippi College faculty.

May 29 — Baccalaureate service, Blue Mountain; Baccalaureate service, Mississippi College.

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Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy



THE FORGOTTEN MAN

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Indianola, Second Adds Twenty-Six

A revival was held recently at the Second Indianola Church, with twenty-six people making public decisions for Christ.

Rev. Herman Sollie, pastor of the Key Field Church, Meridian, led in the revival, with Miss Lanelle Martin directing the special music.

Two lost have been purchased adjoining the church property to insure maximum parking space. Sunday School has grown to an enrollment of 154. Training Union is also

growing, with 93 enrolled.

This church was begun in September, and was formerly a Mission of the First Church. In November, the Mission group voted to erect a building with only \$60 in the treasury. Now one unit has been partially completed. This unit will eventually become the educational building. Property is valued at approximately \$15,000 and only about \$3000 in debt.

Plans have been made for a two weeks revival meeting July 24-August 7.

Rev. James D. Watson is pastor.

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The Taming . . .

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years ago, or does it live in your heart today? The cross of the first century must become the cross of the twentieth century. The cross planted once in Palestine must be planted again in America. The cross of Jesus must become the cross within our souls on which we crucify ourselves and exalt Jesus Christ.

This power must be channeled into our lives. Here is something that breaks down walls, enlarges horizons, opens new frontiers, crosses boundaries, and embraces all humanity.

A native of Switzerland lived in the valley but spent his days climbing the difficult mountain peaks. One day he attempted to climb the sheerest side of the highest mountain near his home. It was necessary to scale a perpendicular granite cliff some hundred feet high. He sought to do so by pulling himself along a rope, hand over hand. Just as he was about to throw his foot over the upper ledge the rope broke, cut by the rocks to which it was looped. Dashed to death by the fall, he was found at the base of the cliff. Since his friends knew he loved the mountains so, they decided to bury him where he fell, and on the monument that marked his resting place were carved these words, "He died—climbing." What better motto could be found for every aspiring Christian who wants to discover the original and eternal meaning of the cross of our redeeming Lord?

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Man Of Distinction

The liquor people probably won't like the information given below, but in all fairness it should be placed alongside of many of their advertisements featuring "men of distinction," with the implication that liquor belongs and that liquor does make men of distinction.

A United Press dispatch from New Orleans states that "a twenty-two-year-old woman, who lost an eye, part of her nose, and two fingers, when her drunken father leveled a shotgun at her, killed her mother, and then killed himself, was still in critical condition.

"Police said her father came home from a drinking bout Tuesday night and the shooting apparently came during a family argument."

Surely this deserves the "man of distinction" title. One woman is maimed for life; a mother is dead; and so is the father. Henceforth, the woman who apparently will live, will be very distinctive. With one eye gone and part of her nose shot away, people will certainly be able to notice her, and that they will. She is the one who will stand out as a result of another person's drinking.

Ripley Breaks Ground



is the pastor.

Pictured above is the building committee and pastor. Left to right, Collins Dixon, Sec., Committee; Aaron Howell; Tom Braddock, Chairman, Committee; Asa Dickerson; Raymond Lowery; and Rev. Grant Clark, pastor.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: W. C. Emanuel, Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. C. B. Martin, Mrs. W. I. Kelley, Mrs. Annie Mae Parker, Marion Lyon, and Mrs. L. L. Posey, Jackson; Rev. J. N. Gipson, Magee; Mrs. Thos. Mercier, Mrs. Leon Empson, McComb; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammill, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Carlisle, and Miller Derrell Hammill, Brookhaven.

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Religion And Business

By DR. HARRY LEE SPENCER,
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

It is undoubtedly true that the finest principles of business success are to be found in the teachings of Jesus, particularly seen in Matthew 6:25-34. One of these principles so evident in the fourth and fifth chapters of Acts is private ownership and control of property and wealth. Although we find the statement in Acts 4:32 "... and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common" (RSV), there is not the slightest indication that this was brought about by any rule of the church or state but was purely voluntary, coming as a response to those in need.

In the case of the only person named in Acts 4:37, it is said of Barnabas that he "sold a field which belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet" (RVS). It does not say that he sold all he possessed but that he sold a field which belonged to him. In Acts 5:4 Peter rebukes Ananias, who came bringing the price of a piece of property which he had sold, so he claimed; only he was keeping back part of the money. Peter said to him in Acts 5:4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal?" (RVS).

Here is the fertile soil of freedom and is the explanation of the prosperity and power of our nation. It is an omen of joy to see and hear the top executives and directors of American business bearing testimony to this great truth. Mr. Harlow Custice, president of General Motors, said in explanation of the company's annual contribution of four and one-half million dollars to higher education, "It is not too much to say that the future of our nation — even its survival — is in the hands of our institutions of higher learning." It is noted that of the fifty schools from which come the most scientists in proportion to enrollment thirty-nine are small liberal arts colleges. Of the top leadership in business almost 80 per cent come from the independent liberal arts colleges — for the most part church related. Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. said, "Give us educated men. We can train them ourselves, but we cannot educate them."

Other significant 1955 gifts to higher education are: General Electric, \$1,000,000; E. I. DuPont, \$800,000; U. S. Steel, \$700,000; Standard Oil of New Jersey, \$450,000; Bethlehem Steel, \$400,000; and Standard Oil of Ohio, \$350,000. Other companies making substantial gifts are: General Foods; Union Car-

Hebron Church To Be Dedicated

Sunday, May 29, will be a significant day to members of Hebron Church, Sardis. A house of worship will be formally dedicated. Four years and five months ago approximately eighty-five resident members began the present building, which was designed to replace a structure built in 1890. Construction of the new building was completed in December, 1950, at a cost of \$12,500.

During this building program gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program climbed steadily. In 1950, the total amount given to this cause was \$46.50. Cooperative Program gifts in 1954 amounted to \$585.21 and gifts to all mission causes totalled more than \$750.

Highlights of the all-day occasion will be the burning of final notes and the dedicatory sermon by the pastor, Rev. Robert L. Jackson. Dinner on the ground will be served by the host church and an informal get-together, special music, and a message by Rev. W. F. Garner of Doddsville will feature the afternoon service.

The church has shown a rapid growth over the past five years as revealed in comparative reports. Present church membership totals 187, with a Sunday School enrolment of 133 and a Training Union enrolment of 87.

Recent action of the church paved the way for construction of an educational annex which will consist of a kitchen and dining area, a recreational room, and several additional classrooms.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Charles W. Powell, Newton; Ernestine Nolen, Clarke College; Edith Taylor, Clarke College; Nick Abdo, Greenville; Kenneth Faulkner, Knoxville; Barbara Pearson, Carriere; Don H. Stewart, Biloxi; Bryant Reed, Jr., Natchez.

bide; Container Corporation; General Mills; Columbia Broadcasting System; Radio Corporation; Standard Oil of Indiana; Ford Motor Company; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane; and others.

There has already begun a movement here in Mississippi to set up an organization for the purpose of seeking gifts from the corporations for the benefit of our independent liberal arts Christian colleges. Corporations can deduct 5 per cent of their taxable income for such gifts, but the best thing to be derived from such gifts is that our independent liberal arts Christian colleges are not only our dependence for trained religious leadership but are some of the best safeguards of our freedom and our system of free enterprise.

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Some Suggestions To BWA Travellers

By DR. L. R. ELLIOTT
Librarian, Southwestern Seminary

Many of our Southern Baptists going to the Baptist World Alliance will be making their first trip abroad, and perhaps their only one. To get the most value out of the trip is high priority. There are three secrets to such success.

One is to learn as much as possible about the countries and cities to be visited. Read about them in the encyclopedias and travel books in any public library. Consult those who have visited these places. Make notes of references to sites, monuments and buildings where occurred events that shaped the future destiny of peoples as to principles, religion and types of character. Try to see as many of these sites and objects as possible; for example, Runnymede (Magna Charta), Bedford Jail (John Bunyan).

A second secret is to make or purchase information regarding sites and objects at the time one is seeing them. Provide a blank notebook, pocket or purse size, and make notes on things seen and record the reactions and impressions. Do it at the time. Later it will be lost. Also buy copies of the excellent handbooks and picture cards for sale at moderate prices in many of the museums, art galleries, cathedrals and other places. The personal notebooks and the handbooks and pictures in later years will repay the effort many times over.

The third secret is the most difficult but the most important. Go with an open mind. Be humble. Use eyes and ears more than the mouth. Remember that Americans abroad are newcomers in old civilizations rich in significant traditions. England and Europe were the soil of great cultures and ancient histories before Columbus discovered America.

Many of our Baptist travellers will likely spend more time in London and England than any other place. Keep this in mind: England has history, America has geography. That simple fact goes far to explain many differences between the British and American character. Beneath the surface of personality, they and we are the same human beings. Our ways are not necessarily better than theirs. All that can be proved is that they are different. The American likes fried chicken and apple pie. The British prefers roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The two menus are equally nourishing. As to politics, there is little important difference between the House of Commons and the House of Representatives. Socially, Americans are apt to indulge in loud laughter. In England a gentleman may often be seen to



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School recently held at Pleasant Grove Church in Grenada County. In this VBS (the third held at Pleasant Grove) 69 attended Preparation Day and 61 received certificates at the end of the school, with an average attendance of 56. Mrs. Earl Gillon was principal and Rev. G. H. Middleton is the pastor.

laugh but seldom heard. It is wiser and more profitable to try to understand the reasons for the ways of others than hastily to criticize surface appearances.

The membership of the churches in the British Baptist Union is under 500,000, less than 1/15 of ours. Only about one-tenth of their pastors own an automobile. From our standpoint their church work may seem weak and timorous but they struggle against limited finances, small numbers and the leaden weight of the hoary traditions of the state Church. They suffer also social barriers. In England Baptists are "lower middle class." That means something we Americans can hardly understand.

London, in many ways, is the world's most remarkable city. The whole world, nearly, is represented in London. There is a bank, a church, a club or a business house in London for most of the other countries.

By all means plan time to see leisurely the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, the British Museum, Westminster Abbey, the Victoria and Albert Museum, Hampton Court Palace with Windsor Castle, and the Baptist Church House; and for the ladies, Harrod's Store, unmatched anywhere. If this list is too long, try to see the Baptist Church House, the adjacent British Museum and Westminster Abbey.

The streets of London are curious to American visitors. None of them are straight for more than a few blocks. The longer streets may have several names. And the house numbering may change with the name change; example, Oxford Street. There are practically no street intersections at right angles. A map of London looks like a crazy quilt but to the Londoner there is an integrated system behind it all. London is divided into about 27 boroughs besides the old City of London and the City of Westminster. All of these were once separate villages.

For the visitor the practical solution to this maze is the London "bobby," and their efficient transportation system. Procure a folder on the bus

and subway systems and getting around will soon become easy, efficient and inexpensive.

At the Baptist Church House, London, in the Visitors Room, is a large painting of John immersing Jesus in the Jordan River. The expressions of hunger, eagerness, scorn, indifference depicted on the faces of the crowd suggest a rich sermon on attitudes toward Jesus. In the adjoining library is a bas-relief carved in wood of William Knibb striking the chains off the slaves in Jamaica. In the near-by British Museum are the impressive exhibits of ancient architecture, monuments and sculptures from Assyria, Babylonia, Egypt, Greece and Rome illustrating Bible characters and history. Refresh your memory on Henry VIII and Cardinal Woolsey before seeing Hampton Court Palace, a dazzling but warning monument to the joining of church and state. The Sunday school teachers should see the statue, with inscription, of Robert Raikes in the bardens of the Victoria Embankment. The book-minded ones will never forget a visit down Charing Cross Road where are 57 bookstores including the celebrated Foyles.

If you visit Oxford, see Balliol College in front of which Latimer and Ridley were burned at the stake, 1555, during the reign of "Bloody" Queen Mary. The offenses for which they died include some of our Baptist beliefs. At Cambridge, remember it was a seat of early English non-conformists who held some Baptist principles. Here, in our time, taught the distinguished T. R. Glover, classical scholar, Baptist layman and son of a prominent British Baptist pastor. In London, interest in Charles Haddon Spurgeon will direct some to visit Spurgeon's college. Of course the scenes of the labors of William Carey and John Bunyan will be visited by many, and don't forget that spiritually John Milton was a kinsman of ours.

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